

Led by Tina Gunn's total 62 points, the BYU women's basketball team stayed undefeated in the league with victories over Colorado and Northern Colorado last weekend.

The Cougars, whose league record is now 11-0, defeated Colorado Friday and Northern Colorado Saturday.

Against Colorado, Tina Gunn, the league's leading rebounder and second leading scorer, scored 24 points and grabbed 24 rebounds.

The Lady Buffs were led by Doni Fischer with 16 points, Jean Raikes and Cathy Lanky added 14 each.

BYU hit 58 percent from the field, compared to Colorado's 39 percent. In the Northern Colorado game, the

Tina Gunn scored 14 of BYU's first 16 points and finished with 38 points. This was the fourth week in a row Miss Gunn has scored 30 or more points in one game.

After a cold-shooting first half, the Cougars hit 68 percent from the field in the second half to win the game.

Five UNC players scored in double figures with Susan Rupp leading the way with 16 points.

The Cougars end their league season this week with a road game with Utah State Thursday and a home game with Weber State Saturday.

Weber State's strength is Kathy Miller, who is leading the league in scoring with 30 points per game. Miss Miller is also second in rebounding.

## Harriers second in WAC

BYU's men's track team turned in a strong show Saturday to take second place in the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track championships held in Pocatello at the MiniDome.

Defending national champion UIEP again ran away with the title, amassing 166 points to BYU's 111.

Cougar sprinter Lloyd Jones won the 60-yard high hurdles with a 7.39 and BYU's distance medley relay team of Alan Schultz, Kevin Hyde, Kim Coombs, and Jay Woods won with a time of 9:44.12.

BYU's mile relay team of Schultz, Coombs, Jones, and Kirk Taylor also swept that event with a time of 3:19.01. Cougar Rob Olsen tied with Wyoming's Mike White at 7-1 for first place in the high jump.

Other standouts for the Cougars, with second place finishes, were Per Nilsson in the shot put, Jay Woods in the open mile, and the team of Blaine Anderson, Rafael Echaverria, Zenas Moreno, and Schultz in the two-mile relay.

## Cougar wins golfing title

Cougar freshman sensation Bobby Clampett, of Carmel, Calif. fired a final round 70 Saturday to win the individual championship by three strokes at 216 in the John Burns Rainbow Golf Classic in Kauai, Hawaii.

Defending team champion BYU had to settle for a third place finish with a total 1,130, behind champion Nihon University of Japan with 1,116 and second place Fresno State with 1,128.

Clampett was six strokes behind Nobumitsu Yuhara of Nihon going into Saturday's round, but he shot a clear 70 while Yuhara dropped to a 78.

Cougar Stan Souza was sixth individually at 222 and Mike Brannan had a 226.

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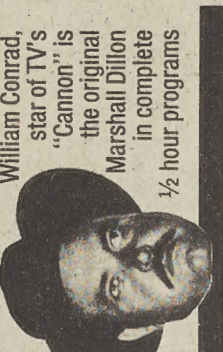
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lament death  
of their town  
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## Drop of water tells its story

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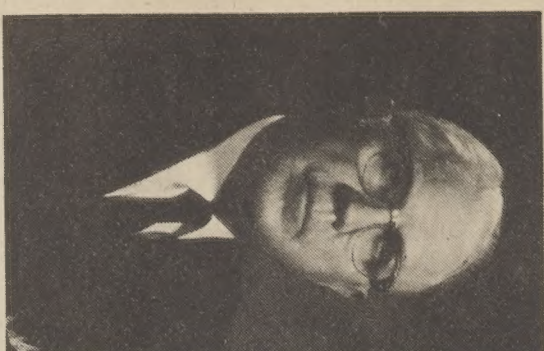


**YOUNGSTOWN.** — A freight train derailed near this Florida Panhandle community early Sunday, an emergency roadblocker for the deadly chlorine gas across a busy highway, Authorities said eight persons were killed and at least 67 were hospitalized.

"It was an instant death," said Al Smith, an emergency roadblocker for the deadly chlorine gas across a busy highway, Authorities said eight

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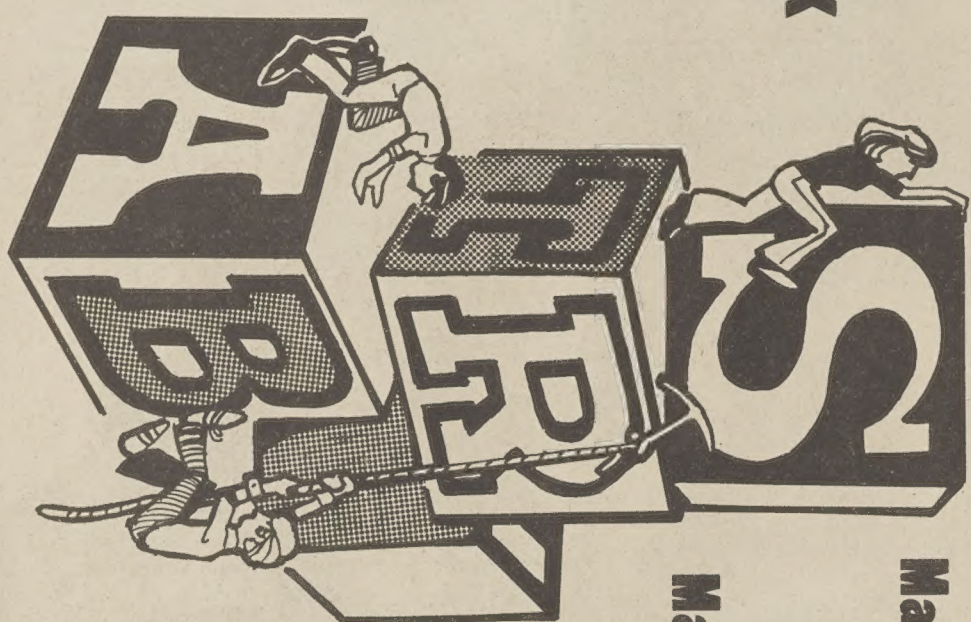
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## Lobos get by cagers

By **DICK HARMON**  
Assistant  
Sports Editor

Despite being held to nearly 30 points under their average by a pesky BYU team Saturday, the nation's most potent offensive team, New Mexico collected a 71-66 victory over the Cougars and chalked up their 11th WAC win.

A total of 22,998 fans, the largest gathering to ever see a basketball game in the Marriott Center, witnessed what BYU Coach Frank Arnold said was a game between the nation's No. 5 and No. 78-ranked basketball teams (a ranking of *Basketball Weekly*). "We have no shame," said Arnold afterward.

"We expected BYU to be every bit as tough as they were tonight," said Lobo Coach Norm Ellenberger. "Here you have a team that is out of everything and are playing a team that is in everything and they (BYU) played to win."

That's a mark of a fine team that can pack in the fans like this and play their hearts out," said Ellenberger.

**Top talent**

The matchup was exciting and BYU fans witnessed some of the finest basketball talent in the nation in the Lobo's Marvin Johnson, truly "Automatic" with his 25 points, and defensive wizard Michael Cooper.

But the fans also saw a smaller and out-benched BYU team do a rebounding (43-41) and ball handling job (17-18 turnovers) on the team from Albuquerque.

**Sticky defense**

The score was tied four times at 24-6, and 14 as BYU's Keith Rice scored three quick buckets and a sticky BYU zone and offense board work slowed down the famous Lobo sprints to the basket. The sliding and collapsing Cougar zone forced New Mexico to play a normal offense of passing, screening and running

patterns, uncommon play for them.

But the Lobos bottled up the Cougar guards on defense. Danny Amge's 13 points came two points short of a new BYU scoring record.

Scott Runia had ten points, but both Amge and Runia had to earn each basket.

BYU did manage to stay within four at halftime when Kevin Nielsen hit a 25-footer at the buzzer.

Arnold said he was pleased with what the Cougars did defensively. "They had to work for what they got," he said.

**Close game**

The game was close after a BYU timeout at the 12-minute mark with the Lobos leading 56-43, when Alan Taylor took an assist from Glen Roberts and dunked the ball from the right side of the lane. Taylor struck again by tipping

in a missed shot by Amge and added the first of the one and one to put BYU within eight at 48-56. Roberts added two fouls tossed and a few seconds later Runia tallied on a 20-foot jumpshot.

**New record**

After Rice fouled out (setting a new BYU school record for number of times fouled out in a season at 11), the Lobos opened up an eight point lead, but BYU made a last-ditch charge, led by Amge, who pumped in eight points in two minutes to close the gap to four at 66-64. But just as the 6-4 freshman got in double digits, so did the clock.

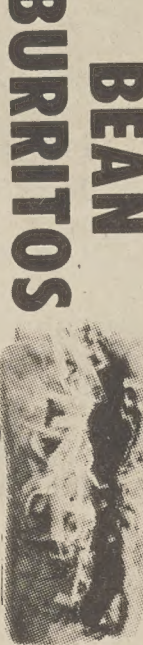
BYU had four men in double figures, the Lobos only one (Johnson with 25). Rice led the Cougars with 15, Amge had 13, Taylor 11, Runia 10, while Roberts collected nine points and seven rebounds.

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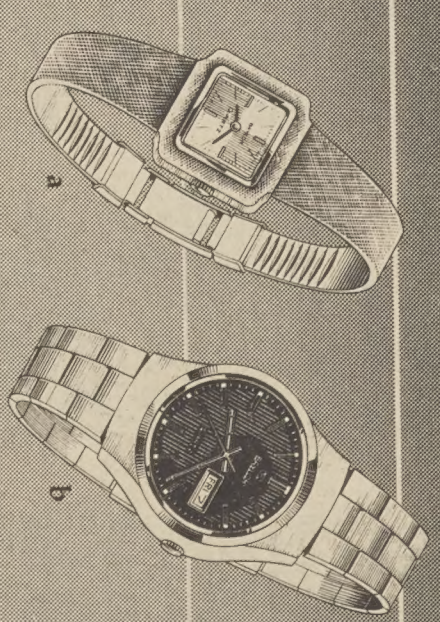
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## to ruggers' success

By THAYNE HANSEN  
Universe  
Sports Writer

The BYU rugby team  
trots out to practice

of continual running allows Seggar to take advantage of the opposing team. His game plan calls for 60 minutes of a lot of running and then 20 minutes for running up the score. "We usually score as many points in the last 20 minutes as we do in the other 60," he said.

Even though the BYU rugby team has been highly successful, Seggar said it is difficult for the Cougar ruggers to be considered as one of the top teams in the nation. All of the big tournaments in the country are played on Saturday and Sunday so "we can't go."

The team tried to get around the problem a



Coach Seggar's game plan calls for 60 minutes of a lot of running and 20 minutes for running up the score. BYU beat the Moroni's Marauders 65-0 Saturday.

Photos by Ron Mason

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few years ago by going to a tournament in Aspen, Colo. "We would play the first two games on Saturday and then drop out, letting the team we beat in the afternoon

take our place." But when the team which had lost to the Cougars and then replaced them won the tournament three consecutive years, the tournament officials started to complain.

"They said it was kind of anti-climatic," Seggar said. "The only other option is for the ruggers to play in a few one-day tournaments. They have tried four different times and won all four."

But the Cougars have played some of the best competition in the country while under Seggar's direction, including teams from USC, UCLA, and the BYU-Hawaii campus. The Hawaii team is "as good a college team as you'll run across in the United States," Seggar said.

"The highlight of my career was to beat those buggers," Seggar said. Having been absent for the past three seasons, Seggar considers this year to be a rebuilding one. But the team is still going to be playing tough teams during its California trip this week and a swing to Colorado later in the season.

Most of the BYU players "just come out of

the woodwork," said Seggar. A lot have played high school football but basically "if you have good athletic ability you can play rugby."

Even though almost everyone gets into the scoring act, the Cougars do have two players they look to when getting close to the goal line. Brent Christensen gets within five yards, "he will take three guys into the end zone with him," Seggar said.

And then, from 10 to 15 yards out, Brown, who stands 5-10 and weighs 230 pounds, "is just like a locomotive."

Although some people think tackling a moving locomotive without any pads and a helmet would be dangerous, Seggar said "there are less injuries per hour of contact in rugby than in American football."

Simple smart thinking is a key, he said. "Our boys are coached to hit and not get hit." But he did say that it is easy to get hurt if you are not in good shape — another reason for all that running. "It is absolutely asinine to play rugby if you are not in top physical condition."

every Tuesday and Thursday around 4 p.m. Some players come in groups, others alone, depending on when they get out of class.

The first hour of practice is simple. It consists of running, running and more running. After four weeks of practice the team is going through two miles of sprints. After that, the players run the fieldhouse stairs that everyone else tries to avoid on the way to class.

Sprinting up and down those stairs 10-15 times each out part of what coach John Seggar considers to be a good practice. But for Seggar, running and rugby are synonymous. "I tell them to try to visualize those last 20 minutes (a game consists of two 40-minute halves) when those other guys are out there crawling around on their hands and knees, and you are still out there running."

Seggar's philosophy obviously works. After seven years of coaching, his record is 117-15-6. Saturday's victory was a good example of what the ruggers can do, as they outclassed Moroni's Marauders 65-0.

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The majority of homeowners say they would be satisfied with that "proposal."

**'We'll all be together'**

Mary Gressman, a widow who came to Lark more than 45 years ago, sits at the quilt and points out the window toward the small brown, wood-frame house she and her husband built. "We put that up room by room and step by step," she says. "I've never moved since then." Mrs. Gressman has lived in mining camps all her life.

She says she feels assured Kennecott will take care of the town. "We'll all be together, the same church, the same friends - away from the city," she smiles. "The appraisers are coming out here to buy our homes, they're going to furnish us housing. I've even heard we're going to have sidewalks and gutters, you can't beat that set up."

She looks back to the once-prosperous town when the Lark lead-zinc mine, owned by U.S. Mining Smelting and Refining Co., was in full operation and employed some 500 men. "We were in the store when the mine closed down in '71," she says. "When they told us, we felt the same way we do now — we just couldn't believe it and we didn't know what we were going to do."

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller ran the town's only grocery and general store for 15 years. Mrs. Miller looks at the boarded-up store, and talks of good times and bad times at what used to be the center of activity for Lark residents. "Everything was bought on credit," Lillian Miller says. "Running the store was the most enjoyable thing we could have ever done."

The Millers plan to move to Copperton with the rest of their friends. "We don't want to leave everyone," she said. "It would kill Leonard to put him in an apartment — we want to stay in a small town."

Already a 'ghost town'

Lark is already like a ghost town, in spite of the many elderly people and renters who live here. The playgrounds are empty. The abandoned school buildings have been vandalized. The grocery store is boarded up.

The only lively spot left in Lark is the post office, where notices are posted and townspeople gather to catch the latest around-town news. Jesse Neilsen, the postmistress, has lived in Lark all her life. "You wouldn't believe some of the letters we got after all of the press coverage of our situation," she says. "One man said he only lived a ten-cent bus ride from Long Beach and he wanted a 65-year-old wife and a 70-year-old housekeeper."

"A lady from Cleveland, Ohio sent me a letter offering me her condominium in Spain," Edna Moulten, a 25-year resident of Lark says.

Although some Lark residents are optimistic about their future, there are others who are not.

Mrs. Belva Steel, a 67-year-old widow who has lived in Lark all but 5 months of her life, is worried. "This is the last thing we think of at night, and we open our eyes in the middle of the night and worry some more."

She remembers the closeness of people, softball games, kick-the-can, and her first date. The daughter of a Lark miner, she married a man who came from England to work in the mines.

When the Lark mine closed down, Kennecott rented the 79 company-owned houses for anywhere from \$25 to \$95 a month. Now the majority of those renters are disgruntled over the notice to move, which will force them into other communities "in the valley" where rents are much higher.

"We're just going to pitch a tent or go live in a Salvation Army Mission when they kick us out," says Mrs. James Waldie, who lives with her Vietnam veteran husband and five children in a company-owned home. "We haven't had a chance to get a start in life yet... We feel like a bunch of cattle being herded into a pen. It's really sad."

**'No trees ... no nothing'**

Sam Fresquez, a New Mexico born Latino, is a retired Kennecott employee and has rented for 20 years. He has no plans. "I'll let Kennecott find me a

By **TERRY BARRETT**  
**Monday Magazine**  
**Writer**

*Spencer W. Kimball, by Edward L. Kimball, and Andrew E. Kimball, Jr. Salt Lake City: Bookcraft Publishers, 1977. 438 pages, available in the BYU Bookstore: \$8.50.*

In the 1974 April conference President Spencer W. Kimball urged members to lengthen their stride.

That phrase soon became a slogan among members of the LDS Church and President Kimball became noted for his encouragement to "Do it." None could be better qualified to give that advice than this man who has lived by exactly that rule.

The biography of the present President of the LDS Church written by a son Edward L. and grandson, Andrew E., shows the extent to which President Kimball has worked throughout his life, constantly lengthening his stride and increasing his responsibilities.

This book brings the reader to more fully understand and know Spencer W. Kimball through showing the battles he faced and conquered by his tremendous persistence and love of life. The authors have drawn from journals, interviews and old letters to reconstruct the life of the Kimball family. Also included are several old photographs, which combine with the other materials to give a more complete record of this man's life.

**Early experiences**

The book tells of the life of President Kimball as he was born and raised in the little town of Thatcher, Ariz. His father had been called there as the mission president at a time when the area was first being settled. Sickness and death were common among the people in the area. And President Kimball, himself, saw several members of his immediate family die from disease because at that time, people lacked knowledge concerning

years of his marriage, he and his family suffered greatly because of financial losses and poor health. Despite these problems, President Kimball continued to enjoy life and stayed obedient to the teachings of his father and the church. Among residents of the valley he became known for his honesty, trustworthiness and leadership in the stake.

**Active life**

President Kimball has lived an extremely active life. He could always be trusted to be a part of the community activities, participating in civic clubs, playing

sports and serving on local committees.

The authors have created an excellent compilation of history in point to another.

The book helps the reader to see how one man remained strong and dedicated to the church, despite what

seemed to be an barrage of hardships. In reading this book, you will be inspired by this man's zest for life. You will see a man living and working his life to the fullest and illustrating what it means for each man to lengthen his stride.

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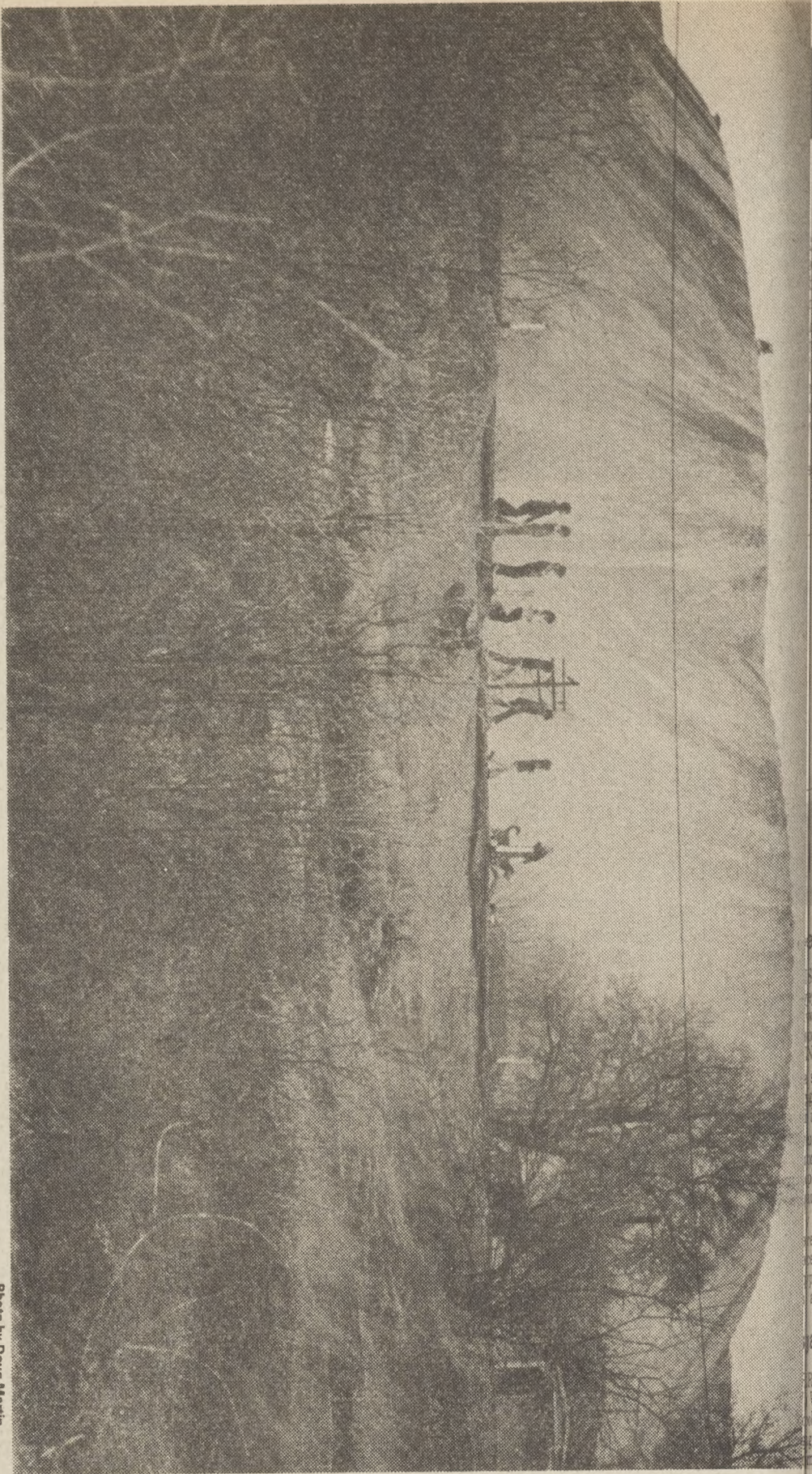


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Some children from Lark run down one of the main roads in the small mining town in pursuit of the day's play. They seem to be unaware of the huge grey mound of overburden from the Kennecott open pit copper mine that looms in the background. Eventually, the mound will bury Lark, but by August residents must move to create another Utah mining ghost town.

## Utah's next ghost town

# Lark citizens get ready for demise of their town

By JANETHA WILKINSON  
Monday Magazine Writer

LARK, Utah — Seven elderly women are gathered in Ruby Hansen's sunny but crowded front room tying a blue gingham quilt.

"We do this for all the brides," says Mary Gressman, 77, without interrupting the constant chatter about the latest town gossip.

"Toss me the thread, Mary," someone calls. The ladies joke and laugh, but the conversation soon turns to something more solemn. For a minute the only sound is busy needles and a creaking frame.

"I never dreamed anything like this would happen," Leona Peterson, 75-year-old Lark widow, says finally. "Now we're just waiting..."

### Death notice

The widows, like 125 other families in this little mining town, are waiting for Kennecott Copper Corporation to wipe Lark off the map, to eliminate the town where they've played "run sheepie run," danced, married, raised children... and where they had planned to die.

Kennecott bought Lark from UV Industries six years ago, but both sides agreed the copper firm wouldn't take over ownership until 1992. Lark's 476 citizens were prepared for that because most of them — at least the many senior citizens — would be gone by then.

But in December the two companies renegotiated. On Dec. 14, a spokesman for Kennecott came to a specially called meeting in the only place large enough to hold the entire town — the LDS meetinghouse. In what Lark citizens describe as "a blunt, five-minute speech, he told the townspeople to 'get out' by August 31.

### Low rents

Many people in Lark own their homes but lease the ground they stand on for \$2.50 to \$7.50 a month. Others rent Kennecott-owned homes at low rates, under \$95 a month.

Life in this doomed little mining town has been hard, and even the widows are tough-spirited people. When Kennecott broke the news of the town's impending demise, Lark organized a committee of three renters and three home owners to negotiate "citizens' rights."

The committee met frequently, investigated individual needs, published a newsletter and demanded that morally, Kennecott owed the people of Lark something.

At first cold and seemingly unyielding, Kennecott finally listened and softened its stand.

On Jan. 9, the copper company opened an office in one of its vacant homes in this little town nestled at the foothills of the Oguzith Mountains, 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City. It supplied a man to interview residents, determine individual problems and find solutions. The employee, James B. Petersen, a former Lark resident himself, declines to discuss the situation, but he does say Kennecott "has not yet made any commitments to the people of Lark."

Kennecott's public relations director, Ken Keauever, adds that no definite proposals will be made before early spring. "We're trying to educate these home owners about the options they have available to them," Keauever says. "Last week we brought in a representative from the Federal Housing Administration. We're trying to be as fair and honest as we can, determine their needs, and do something about them."

But Mike Martinez, a volunteer lawyer who grew up in Lark, along with committee members, is telling Lark residents of a Kennecott proposal to pay cash to the homeowners, or move their houses to Kennecott property in nearby Coperton, another patch of mining land to the north.

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The little town, photographed from water-tower hill, seems deserted beneath the grey winter skies. After August, it will be transformed into a ghost town and its population of some 500 people moved to other locations.



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Mary Gressman, 77, one of Lark's many widows, looks out over the town she has called home for 45 years.



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Vietnam War veteran James Waidie and his wife, Kathy, stand in front of their rented home as their five children play on the porch in the background. The Waidies are among large group of renters to be displaced by Lark's impending demise.



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Retired mine blacksmith Bert Thomas, 88, sits in a chair in front of the window of his small home and reminisces about the times he played in the old Lark band.